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SUBJECT: CHILE DEBT RESCHEDULING

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1. ON MARCH 15, WE RAISED PROSPECTS FOR UPCOMING
MARCH 25 PARIS CLUB MEETING ON CHILEAN DEBTS WITH
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HOT, DEPUTY IN EXTERNAL BILATERAL RELATIONS SECTION

OF FRENCH TREASURY TO PARIS CLUB CHAIRMAN NEBOT. HOT SAID FRENCH HAD NO INDICATIONS RE LIKELY ATTITUDES OF OTHER CREDITOR GOVERNMENTS, MORE PARTICULARLY PROBLEM COUNTRIES (SWEDEN, BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS AND DENMARK), BUT MIGHT BE GETTING REPORTS FROM FRENCH EMBASSY IN THOSE COUNTRIES. HE PROMISED TO INFORM US OF ANY INFORMATION FRENCH RECEIVE PRIOR TO NEXT WEEK'S MEETING.

2. WE FELT IT PREFERABLE NOT TO SUGGEST TO FRENCH THAT WE HAD ANY DOUBTS ABOUT THEIR FIRM ENDORSEMENT OF DRAFT AGREED MINUTE (PARA 4 REFTEL). ACCORDINGLY, WE REFERRED TO CONTINUING STATIC IN FRENCH PRESS ON ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE AND SAID WE PRESUMED THAT NOTWITHSTANDING THIS STATIC, FRENCH GOVERNMENT WAS STILL SOLIDLY ON BOARD IN FAVORING ADOPTION OF DRAFT AGREED MINUTE, AS WORKED OUT IN FEBRUARY 21-23 SESSION. HOT CONFIRMED THIS TO BE THE CASE.

3. COMMENT: THIS TESTING OF THE WATERS INDICATES THAT NORMALLY THERE SHOULD BE NO TROUBLE FROM FRANCE. IT CANNOT BE EXCLUDED, OF COURSE, THAT GIVEN HIS WELL-KNOWN ACROBATIC SKILLS, CHAIRMAN NEBOT MIGHT SEEK TO CAPITALIZE ON CREDITOR SPLIT AT MARCH 25 MEETING TO REVERSE DECISION ON POST-1970 OBLIGATIONS. HOWEVER, AS CHAIRMAN, HE HAS CONSIDERABLE STAKE IN SEEING MARCH 25 MEETING PRODUCE POSITIVE RESULT, AND THIS SHOULD ACT AS DETERRENT AGAINST SUCH A FORAY ON HIS PART.
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